

Focus on 5th



News and Events in the 5th Grade
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Important Dates

Nov. 10	Turkey Trot
Nov. 10	Explorer Research Final Draft Due
Nov. 11-12	Outdoor Education Field Trip
Nov. 13	International Taste of Holmes
Nov. 17	Community Chat with Dr. Roberts
Nov. 19	Math Test
Nov. 22	Book Report Due
Nov. 24	Institute Day - No School
Nov. 25-26	Thanksgiving Break - No School

Dear Families,

Our Outdoor Education field trip to Camp Algonquin is this week! A packet was sent home at the beginning of last week, detailing what students need to bring with them. Please contact your child's homeroom teacher if you have any questions.

Dr. Roberts will be at Holmes School on November 17th for a Community Chat. Please come if you haven't had the opportunity to meet Dr. Roberts.

We've noticed that some students are bringing money with them to school every Tuesday for school store. School store is just once a month, on the last Tuesday of each month.

As the weather gets colder, please remember to label all clothing items (coats, hats, gloves, boots, scarves) with your child's name so that we may return the items to them if they get lost.

SPECIALS

Music

There is an update to the blog at the music website at <http://sites.google.com/a/op97.org/holmes-music/home/5th-grade>. Read about what your students have been doing in music!

Chorus

Congratulations to the chorus for a wonderful first performance at the Oak Park Arms! Our next performance is Saturday November 13th at International Night. Students need to be at the Holmes Auditorium at 6:45 pm for the chorus performance and the performance should be over by 7:15 pm. However, if they are involved or want to see other parts of International Night they may come earlier or stay later as long as they have an adult with them.

Spanish

This week students began a new story, *El Muchacho Pastor*. Students read this story to someone for 10 extra points. Find the link on the Spanish blog: <http://mpoleski.blogspot.com/p/quintofifth.html>

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have a copy with them.

Reading/Literature

Due to Outdoor Ed, we will have a short week in reading. This week's Open Court story is Bill Pickett: Rodeo-Ridin' Cowboy. Our comprehension focus for this week is on fact and opinion. Students will use their Reading Response Logs again for homework this week to try to find examples of facts and opinions in their novels. Students will only have homework on Monday and Tuesday night this week, but they should be working on their completing book reports that are due November 22nd. The book report assignment sheet is on the 5th grade reading wiki if your students does not

Math

Graded quizzes were returned to your child today. We continue to work with fractions, decimals and percents. We will have a short week for math this week and we will focus on finding the decimal and percent equivalents for fractions. We will also review MAP test scores with students and set goals for the next MAP test (in late January). Our next unit test will be on November 19 and will cover ordering fractions, converting between mixed numbers and improper fractions and finding equivalent fractions, decimals and percents.

Science

Last week the students learned that neither the release point of a pendulum or the mass at the bottom of a pendulum have any affect on how many times a pendulum swings in 15 seconds. This week we will be testing the variable of length and the students will be making pendulums ranging from 13 cm to 200 cm in height. The pollution projects were handed back today.

Social Studies

Students' final drafts of the explorer research paper are due this Wednesday. They do not need to be typed. We will continue to discuss early settlements in North America and will compare and contrast the colonists of Jamestown with the Pilgrims and the Puritans.

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